

Washington City Council

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Minutes Workshop Meeting July 21, 2015

Present: Mayor Kenneth Neilson, Councilmen Thad Seegmiller, Kress Staheli, Ronald Truman, Jeff Turek, City Attorney Jeff Starkey, City Manager Roger Carter, City Recorder Danice Bulloch, Police Chief Jim Keith, Deputy Recorder Tara Pentz, Audience: Troy Belliston, Kevin Soderquist, Brenden Daley

Excused: Councilman Garth Nisson

Meeting commenced at 6:35 P.M.

1. Approval of the Agenda.

Councilman Truman made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Staheli seconded the motion; which passed with the following roll call vote:

Councilman Seegmiller Aye
Councilman Staheli Aye
Councilman Truman Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Turek Aye

2. Discussion of a Foot Golf program. Nick Neeley, Head Golf Pro / Kevin Soderquist, Golf Pro

Kevin Soderquist explained Foot Golf, which is a combination of golf and soccer. They feel like with the peak of golf course, it would be a good idea to utilize the golf course on Wednesday afternoons, as they are very slow. The foot golf would only use 9 holes, which would keep the remaining 9 holes open for golf. There is a way to permanently install the foot golf with a cost of \$3000, if Staff and Council decide to do so, rather than having the temporary set up.

Mayor Pro-Tem asked if there is a concern with the golfers feeling they are negatively impacted.

Mr. Soderquist stated he doesn't believe it would be an issue. Foot golf is becoming a new trend in helping golf courses stay alive, and the USGA is in support of the sport.

Brendan Dalley demonstrated foot golf for Council.

*Mayor Neilson arrived at 6:50 P.M.

City Manager Roger Carter stated this would give our course some exposure and make it much more of a community asset rather than solely a golf course.

Mr. Daley stated the high schools are getting more involved, and are doing tournaments and fundraisers for this sport. Two of the tournaments have been at South Gate Golf Course and one at SunBrook. With the tournaments, there are families with young kids, which is great family event, and exposure for the courses as well.

Mr. Soderquist stated they were hoping to get the Council to authorize a couple of events in August to get an idea of how it works.

Councilman Turek stated he would support anything that brings families together. This sounds like a great sport.

Councilman Truman stated he would be interested to find out the reaction of golfers.

Mr. Soderquist stated this is why they would like to try a couple tournaments during August. This is a slower time, and they can get a feel for how the foot golf would be supported along with the response from the golfers.

It was the consensus of Council to move forward with trying a couple of tournaments in August.

City Manager Carter asked for a follow-up report after the tournaments in August.

Mr. Soderquist stated he would let the Mayor know when the tournaments would be held if any of the Council would like to participate.

3. Discussion and review of possible City Council term limits. Jeff Starkey, City Attorney

Councilman Truman stated one of the topics during campaigning about 6 years ago. This was turned down, however, it was one of his campaign promises, so as he is going out of office, he thought he would bring it back. Unfortunately, according to City Attorney Starkey, State Legislature does not allow for municipalities to alter term limits. Therefore, it is left to the integrity of each individual what they do.

City Attorney Starkey stated the State Legislature sets the terms for local officers, and they are the only ones who can change them. He then contacted David Church, who is very prominent it local law. He confirmed this to be the case.

Councilman Truman stated there is an absence in our Ordinance of what it requires to get something placed on the agenda. It was his understanding it takes two Councilmembers to place something on the agenda. He would like to consider an Ordinance on how many Council Member is takes to place an item on the agenda.

City Attorney Starkey stated other than the Mayor placing something on the agenda, our

regulations are silent. State law does not tell us what to do, so Council could make more specific guidelines.

Councilman Turek commented this is a good idea. Anytime there are specific guidelines to follow, it makes these types of issues easy to avoid.

City Attorney Starkey stated we may want to adjust the City Council Policy and Procedures, which is adopted by Ordinance.

City Manager Carter stated their was a previous discussion on Robert's Rules of Order, which are very cumbersome. Therefore, this policy was designed to encompass those items, which Council felt the most important.

4. Discussion of Carbon Free Power Project Siting Agreement. Roger Carter, City Manager

City Manager Roger Carter reviewed the Carbon Free Power Project Siting Agreement with Council.

Councilman Staheli asked how competitive this type of power is going to be.

City Manager Carter explained this is the replacement for coal, the only replacement. This is step one of the siting agreement, and he is asking for Council support. This item is on the agenda for action tomorrow night.

5. Adjournment

Councilman Truman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Turek seconded the motion; which passed with the following roll call vote:

Councilman Seegmiller Aye
Councilman Staheli Aye
Councilman Truman Aye
Councilman Turek Aye

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 P.M.

Passed and approved this 12th day of August 2015.

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Attest by:

Kenneth F. Neilson, Mayor

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